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FYI – From Councillor Fleury. Serge was copied.

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Dear Mayor Watson,

Over the last week we have tried as local elected officials to bring to the highest level of attention the pressure and risk of this unruly protest affecting our communities.

As you are aware, the noise and intimidation has forced businesses to remain closed or open with fear. And local residents have lost their livability. They are hostages in their own units (specifically those along Rideau and in ByWard Market areas) and bare intimidation when going into areas streets. This fear for our community must stop.

Our local police force is not able, due to limited force, to safely respond and support locals. This is in not meant to question anyone’s leadership or competence, but to bring quick and effective plans to relieve our communities and end the current standstill.

To support residents of Ottawa we need Federal and Provincial security agencies to develop and implement a response plan to come and relieve our police force so that local officers can support public safety within our commercial and residents’ communities in the City’s core.

The current attention of Ottawa police with the protest on Wellington Street has significantly reduced attention within the community.

I have raised local Rideau and ByWard area challenges that continue to be received by authorities as lower priorities due to the National attention to Federal Precinct.

We are extremely concerned with the number of incidents and the escalations of those incidents within our community. We need the Ottawa Police focus and attention to Ottawa’s communities and main streets districts.

Please consider the following:

1. How the government of Ontario (Premier Ford, the Solicitor General, Ottawa Provincial Police) and the local cabinet representatives can assist?
2. How can we ensure the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada connect with you (Solicitor General, Public Safety Minister, other relevant ministries) to support our local team and align our resources and approach?
3. What can we ask from the Prime Minister and the Premier of Ontario to support Ottawa residents and businesses?
4. How can an elected official whose communities are directly impacted be involved, aware and share information with you, City Manager, all authorities at all levels?

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